

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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Leon BOTTOU et al. : Attorney Ref.: 112817-CON-2
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Dear Sir,

Prior to payment of the issue fee, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.